

**PHYSICAL THERAPY BOARD OF CALIFORNIA
INITIAL STATEMENT OF REASONS**

Hearing Date: 5-11-04

Subject Matter of Proposed Regulations: Criteria for Approval of Physical Therapy Facilities to Supervise the Clinical Service Of Foreign Educated Applicants

(1) Section(s) Affected: 1398.38

PROBLEM ADDRESSED: Pursuant to section 2653 of the Business and Professions Code (B & P), physical therapy facilities electing to supervise the period of clinical service of foreign educated physical therapists (FEPT) are required to request approval from the Physical Therapy Board of California (Board) prior to supervising an FEPT. Once approved the clinical site supervises the FEPT applicant and certifies the competence of the applicant in a report to the Board.

Section 1398.38, subsections (a) through (d), is not clear and has resulted in differing interpretations and inconsistent application of the requirements necessary to be approved by the Board to supervise foreign educated physical therapists during their clinical service.

SPECIFIC PURPOSE: To provide consistent and uniform physical therapy facility requirements for facilities electing to supervise foreign educated physical therapists during their period of clinical service.

FACTUAL BASIS: This section defines the requirements necessary to be approved by the Board to provide supervision of foreign educated physical therapists during their period of clinical service.

UNDERLYING DATA: The underlying data used to provide consistent and uniform physical therapy facility requirements can be found in the *Clinical Site Information Form (CSIF)* as developed by the American Physical Therapy Association's Department of Education and revised on November 1, 1999. This document is included in this submittal and is available from the American Physical Therapy Association, Division of Education, 1111 North Fairfax Street, Alexandria, VA 22134-1488.

The Board's *Notice of Intent to Supervise a Foreign Educated Physical Therapist*, form F1B, revised August 2003, is included in this submittal and is available on the Board's website ptb.ca.gov.

SMALL BUSINESS IMPACT: These regulations will not have a significant adverse economic impact on businesses.

SPECIFIC TECHNOLOGIES OR EQUIPMENT: Specific technologies used are found in the American Physical Therapy Association's Department of Education document entitled *Clinical Site Information Form (CSIF)* and revised on November 1, 1999.

CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES: No alternative, which were considered, would either be more effective than or equally less burdensome than the proposed regulations.